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ATTACK IS MADE BY LA FOLLETTE IN THE SENATE ON PREPAREDNESS

Wisconsin Radical Declares
Agitation for More Adequate
National Defense Is in In-
terest of Money Power.

FIGHT ON ARMOR PLANT FAILS BY BIG MAJORITY

Feature of Debate on Naval
Building Program Is Sensa-
tional Speech Opposing Ap-
propriation Carried by Bill.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Washington, July 19.—An attack by
Senator La Follette on the general
preparedness program as the product
of agitation by moneyed interests,
aided by the metropolitan press, pre-
vented a final vote in the senate to-
day on the naval bill. The Wisconsin
senator had not completed his speech
when the senate adjourned tonight,
and did not indicate how long he planned
to continue. The general belief,
however, was that a vote would be
reached tomorrow.

Most of today was taken up with
an unsuccessful fight by Senators
Oliver and Penrose on the section of
the bill providing for a \$11,000,000
government armor plant. By a vote of
51 to 17 the senate defeated a motion
to strike out the section and then
voted down, 49 to 16, the Oliver
amendment to refer the armor com-
mission to the federal trade commis-
sion for settlement.

Says Increase Is Not Needed.

Senator La Follette contended vigor-
ously that neither conditions con-
fronting the nation nor the testimony
given before the congressional naval
committees warranted the proposed
navy increases.

"A total of \$844,000,000 is the load
that goes on the backs of the
American people," he declared. "Why
is this to be done? If it is necessary
now, why was it not necessary four
years ago? You knew then what the
naval and military strength of all the
foreign countries was. But the in-
terests had not been appealed to then.
Bethlehem Steel at 40 was not Bethle-
hem Steel at 480. The interests
behind this preparedness plan do not
fear Germany or England. The plan
merely fits into their imperialistic
schemes."

The senator charged that men had
been forced into preparedness parades
under threats of having their wages
reduced. Working men in Washing-
ton, he said, had told him they march-
ed in the demonstration here for that
reason. The largest newspapers of the
country, he said, were influenced by
the advertising of the "interests"
behind the preparedness propaganda,
to devote most space to the testimony
of witnesses before the congressional
committees who favored preparedness.

"A cheap skate of a business man
can get a column and a half on the
front page if he will boast prepared-
ness," he shouted, "but General Wea-
ver, who speaks against it, cannot get
a line. These newspapers sell their
editorial good will along with their
advertising. It costs something to say
that, but for some years I have stood
ready to pay the price."

Senator La Follette quoted volumi-
nously from reports of the committee
hearings to prove that the navy is in
better shape than preparedness advo-
cates make it appear. He insisted
that it is stronger than Germany's na-
vy, and pointed out that Germany,
with a navy about half as large as
England's has been able to prevent an
invasion of her territory.

Senators Oliver and Penrose, speak-
ing against the armor plant proposi-
tion, stated that it simply would mean a
waste of money now that the Bethle-
hem Steel company has offered to
furnish plate at a price to be set by
the federal trade commission.

"It would be little less than criminal
to spend the amount proposed for
a plant at this time," Senator Oliver
declared.

PITTSBURGH POSTMASTER HAS BEEN DISMISSED

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Washington, July 19.—Postoffice
department officials admitted Dr.
George W. McNeil, postmaster at
Pittsburgh, has been dismissed. Con-
cerning the dismissal, the official
bulletin of the department says:

"Notice to postmasters: A postmas-
ter at one of the most important post-
offices in the United States has been
removed for failure to co-operate with
the department in carrying out its
instructions regarding the conduct of
the service in his city."

The Day in Congress

SENATE.
Continued debate on naval bill.
Democratic steering committee met
to act on President Wilson's request
for passage of child labor bill.
Recessed at 6:27 p. m. until 10 a.
m. Thursday.

HOUSE.
Not in session; meets Friday.

THE WEATHER

THE WEATHER FORECAST.
New Mexico—Thursday and Friday
generally fair, warmer northeast por-
tion Thursday.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.
For twenty-four hours ending at 6
p. m. yesterday:
Maximum temperature, 90 degrees;
minimum, 64 degrees; range, 26; tem-
perature at 6 p. m., 74; east wind
partly cloudy.

CITY BANK CLEARINGS,
For the Day:
\$75,988.13.

WANTS ANTI-TRUST ACT POSTPONED FOR A WHILE

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Washington, July 19.—President
Wilson was asked today by Alfred P.
Thom, general counsel of the Southern
railway, Robert S. Lovett, head of the
Union Pacific system, and Frank
Trumbull, chairman of the railroad
executives' advisory committee, to ask
congress to have the operations of
some provisions of the Clayton anti-
trust act postponed until the railroad
situation is further investigated.

The railroad officials told the pre-
sident they considered sections of the
act conflicting. Amendments to the
act have been recommended favorably
by sub-committees of the judicial
committee of both the senate and
the house, and the railroad offi-
cials are anxious that action be
taken during the present session of
congress.

The president had discussed the
question before railroad representa-
tives and is understood to favor their
plea.

Escaped Not Recaptured.

Denver, July 19.—Richard Kaapeke,
who escaped from the insane ward of
the county hospital Monday, was taken
into custody today by officers on a
farm near Golden. Kaapeke had se-
cured employment as a cherry picker.

BLACKLIST NOT ANYTHING NEW TO AMERICAN FIRMS

New York Merchants Tell of
Outrages Committed by
British in Seizing Goods
Shipped to the Orient.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
New York, July 19.—With very few
exceptions, all of the American busi-
ness firms and individuals placed by
the British government on the black-
list under the "trading with the en-
emy act" have their quarters in New
York City. Most of these merchants
expressed no surprise today over the
action of Great Britain.

J. A. Kahl, an exporter and impor-
ter, said:

"This blacklist has been in the
hands of bankers all over the world
at least a year, to my personal knowl-
edge. I have known for more than a
year that I, for one, have been black-
listed. I am and have been for twenty
years an American citizen. Not only
has my business, which was mainly
with China, Japan and far eastern
countries, been broken off completely
by seizure of goods, but I have been
unable to buy bills of exchange or in
any other way settle my affairs. Others
have been unable to get bills of
exchange through me."

Fred Richter, a trader with Chinese
and Japanese merchants, made a simi-
lar complaint.

"My goods have been seized at Hong
Kong and elsewhere regularly," he
said, "until I stopped doing business.
My mail to my agents in Canton, Tien
Tsin and other cities were returned
to me. The reason, so far as I can
guess, is that once, almost thirty years
ago, I was connected with a German
firm."

Mr. Richter said he had been a citi-
zen of the United States for twenty-
five years.

John H. Scully, of Zimmerman &
Forsyth, prominent German bankers,
said: "All the officers of our com-
pany are American citizens. Of
course, much of our business has been
done with Germany, naturally, but for
years we have had business relations
with England and many of her col-
onies, as well as other countries now
included in the war and those which
have held aloof."

"We are considering means of tak-
ing the matter up with the state de-
partment within a day or two," said
Oscar L. Goldstein, of Knauth, Natchel
& Kuhne, bankers. "We feel that we
have been unfairly discriminated
against. We have information that
many of our cables were interfered
with."

Charles Hardy, a metal importer,
said the only reason he could think
of for the presence of his name on the
list was that he had been calling
money to relatives in Germany.

AMASSADOR PAGE IS ASKED TO MAKE REPORT

Washington, July 19.—Action on
Great Britain's blacklist of nearly 100
firms doing business in the United
States under the terms of the "trading
with the enemy" act, is being delayed
by the state department with the ex-
pectation that Ambassador Page at
London will send a report. At the
state department it was said there
were some intimations that Great
Britain's latest action might be con-
sidered as unfriendly. Hitherto repre-
sentations in behalf of American firms
placed on a blacklist have resulted in
the removal of their names.

SETTLEMENT OF BORDER TROUBLE BELIEVED TO BE CLOSE AT HAND

Conferences Between Polk and
Arredondo Progress Favor-
ably and Formal Announce-
ment Is Expected Soon.

DEFINITE AGREEMENT IS NOT YET REACHED

Only Final Word From Car-
ranza and Wilson Needed
to Get Joint Commission
Plan in Working Order.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Washington, July 19.—Preliminary
negotiations between Acting Secretary
Polk and Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican
ambassador-designate, for peaceful
settlement of border difficulties, pro-
gressed so well today that a formal
announcement "very soon" as to the
course to be followed was officially
predicted.

The conferees met twice. Later
Mr. Arredondo telegraphed a report to
his government and Mr. Polk pre-
pared a similar report for Secretary
Lansing, now on his vacation, and
probably will talk over the situation
with President Wilson tomorrow. Mr.
Lansing is being fully advised of every
step in the negotiations.

Letcher Interprets.

Henry P. Fletcher, ambassador-
designate to Mexico, was present at
both conferences, interpreting when-
ever it was necessary to insure a clear
understanding. It is understood the
discussions dealt particularly with the
powers to be conferred upon a joint
commission should that plan of set-
tlement be followed. So far no defi-
nite agreement on the course to be
pursued has been reached; but today's
development indicated that only final
word from General Carranza and
President Wilson was lacking. It was
stated officially that the American
commissioners had not been selected.
Officials said also that Mr. Fletcher
would not head the American mem-
bership, as had been reported, because
it might impair his diplomatic useful-
ness.

It is understood Mr. Fletcher will
go to his post in Mexico City soon
after Secretary Lansing returns from
his vacation about August 1, provided
the favorable turn of events beyond
the border continues. At the same
time Mr. Arredondo will be formally
received by President Wilson as am-
bassador from the republic of Mexico
and formal diplomatic relations be re-
stored.

Troop Withdrawal Uncertain.

State department officials said to-
day they had no information as to
when General Pershing's troops would
be withdrawn from Mexico, indicating
that this was a military question en-
tirely in the hands of the war depart-
ment. There have been intimations
that one of the subjects discussed by
Mr. Polk and Mr. Arredondo was
whether the question of withdrawal
of the troops should be submitted to
the joint commissioners for consid-
eration. Since the Washington gov-
ernment has made it plain on every oc-
casion that the troops would retire
whenever Carranza troops could in-
sure the security of the border, it ap-
pears probable that Mr. Polk thought
it unnecessary for the commission to
go into that subject and so informed
Mr. Arredondo.

A dispatch from General Pershing
today saying that General Gonzales
had conferred with him as to reports
of the seizure of the Hearst ranch in
Chihuahua and then had proceeded to
investigate the case. Was viewed
here as further evidence of the more
conciliatory attitude of all Carranza
officials. General Pershing had called
attention to this change previously,
saying that the general opinion of
those Mexicans with whom he came
in contact was that a peaceful adjust-
ment of all difficulties would be found.

The war department announced to-
day a further relaxation of the unof-
ficial embargo imposed at the border
when the Mexican emergency became
acute. Coal, coke and gasoline for
industrial purposes and household
goods now will be permitted to pass
into Mexico, the announcement said,
in reasonable quantities. Food and
clothing have been going in for sev-
eral weeks.

FINANCIER IS AMAZED AT RUSSIA'S PROGRESS

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Stockholm, July 19 (via London,
1:30 p. m.)—After spending two
months in Russia, during which time
he arranged a loan of \$50,000,000 to
the Russian government and also pro-
vided for the establishment of branch
banks, Samuel McRoberts, senior vice
president of the National City bank in
New York, sailed today for New York
on board the steamer Bergenfjord.

Mr. McRoberts made a careful study
of conditions in Russia.

"The war," he said, "has awakened
Russia beyond all conception and that
country now offers a wonderful op-
portunity to American capital and
business enterprises."

"I have traveled for three days
through territory as fertile as the best
parts of Iowa and Illinois. The great-
est opportunity lies in the establish-
ment of branch factories in Russia."

BERLIN CLAIMS VON HINDENBURG IS HOLDING OFF RUSSIAN FORCES

All Attacks in Riga Section
Are Repulsed With Heavy
Losses, According to Offi-
cial Statement.

TURKS ARE DRIVEN BACK SOUTH OF TREBIZOND

Heavy Bombardment Around
Verdun to Presage Another
Infantry Attack of Sort That
Has Become Common.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
The Russians in the vicinity of Riga
are hammering hard with infantry
and artillery Field Marshal von Hin-
denburg's forces, but, according to
Berlin, all their attacks thus far have
failed with heavy losses. Farther
south, in Volhynia, the Russians along
the Stokhod river and to the west and
southwest of Lutsk are heavily bomb-
arding the positions of the Teutonic
allies.

While Petrograd asserts that the
Russians in Galicia are advancing to-
ward the passes of the Carpathian
mountains, leading to the plains of
Hungary, Vienna says that southwest
of Debaltyn the Austrians have driven
the Russians back across the river
Pruth.

German Aircraft Busy.
German naval aircraft have dropped
a large number of bombs on Riga,
in the Gulf of Finland, causing, ac-
cording to Berlin, damage to Russian
cruisers, troop boats and submarines
in the gulf and to military establish-
ments on land.

In Asia Minor, south of Trebizond,
additional gains for the Russians
against the Turks are chronicled by
Petrograd, while Constantinople re-
ports attacks from the Turkish army
against the British along the Euphrates
river and north of the Persian
gulf near Basra. In addition, the
Turks are declared to have defeated
the Italians in northern Tripoli at
Misratah.

Bloody Fight on Somme.

There has been no abatement in the
magnificent struggle between the
British and German north of the
Somme which began Tuesday after a
German bombardment and then at-
tack by heavy infantry forces which
gave to the Teutons parts of the vil-
lage of Longueval and Delville wood.
In counter-attacks Wednesday the
British succeeded in regaining most
of the territory they had lost and in
addition dispersed with their artillery
fire a large body of Germans who
were massing for another attack to
the south of Delville wood. Hard
fighting is still going on in this sector.

To the south of the Somme the French
report the capture of several German
trenches.

FRISCO ROAD IS SOLD; MINIMUM PRICE REALIZED

Property Bought by Represent-
atives of Bondholders; Re-
organization Plan Will Now
Be Put Through.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
St. Louis, July 19.—The St. Louis
and San Francisco railroad (Frisco
System) was sold to representatives
of the road's bondholders here today
for \$25,000,000—\$200 more than the
minimum price fixed March 31 by
United States Judge Sanborn.

REPUBLICANS URGED TO QUIT QUARRELING

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
New York, July 19.—Charles E.
Hughes today told critics that dissen-
sion among his supporters must
cease; that he expected all factions
to get together, subordinate what he
termed their petty differences and
work for the election of the national
ticket and a republican majority in
both houses of congress.

The success of the party at the polls, Mr.
Hughes declared, depended in a great measure
upon a cessation of "backbiting" be-
tween republicans and former pro-
gressives and between various fac-
tions of local republicans.

Mr. Hughes, who came here today
from Bridgehampton, had had a long
talk with Mayor Thompson of Chicago,
and other political leaders from Illi-
nois over the situation in that state.

Mr. Hughes had a long conference
today with Chairman Wilcox in
which the chief topics of discussion,
it is understood, were the adjustment
of local differences and the program
for the nominee's western trip.

SUBMARINE ALL READY TO START ON RETURN TRIP TO FATHERLAND

At Early Hour This Morning
Deutschland Seemed About
to Cast Off From Her Pier
in Baltimore Harbor.

PRECIOUS CARGO IS SAFELY STOWED AWAY

Newspaper Launch Comes
Near and Reporters Are Told
They They Are Interfering
With Plans of Submersible.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Baltimore, July 19.—The German
merchant submarine Deutschland,
with every indication of being ready
to sail at a moment's notice, was still
lying at her pier here at a late hour
tonight.

Her officers and crew were aboard,
her return cargo of nickel and crude
rubber was said to be all stowed and
her fuel tanks had been filled with a
fresh supply of petrol.

At 11 o'clock tonight the two spars
of the submarine were taken down
and the running tower closed. Close
at hand lay the tug Thomas F. Tim-
mins with a full head of steam up.

In the vicinity of the submarine
were numerous launches with agents
of the Eastern forwarding company
patrols aboard. At 11:05 o'clock these
craft hailed a newspaper launch and
tried to induce the reporters to leave.
"You're interfering with our plans,"
the watchman said.

To all appearances the Deutschland
was ready to leave at any time. Her
crew and master were aboard.

Among the late events that tended
to confirm this belief was the stow-
ing of more than forty tons of fuel oil
on the submarine late this afternoon.
An official interested in the subma-
rine's activities earlier in the day
sought to create the impression that
the two tank cars of oil run onto the
pier where the Deutschland was
berthed, was intended for the second
submarine merchantman that is ex-
pected here in the near future.

Steeded Discharged.

The stevedores who have been work-
ing day and night for nearly a week
putting aboard the return cargo of rub-
ber and nickel were discharged this
afternoon, two hours before the usual
time for the day shift to quit.

All shore leave for the crew of the
Deutschland was stopped tonight. Ac-
cording to stories told by friends of
some of the submarine's women, the
later have expressed deepest anxiety
over the possibility of their falling
victims in the allied miners reported
to be awaiting the submersible off the
coast—not from cannon but from dis-
abled engines through being caught in
the nets which they believe will be
stretched for them.

Thinks Escape Impossible.

"Entangled in these, the submarine
cannot escape," a friend of the men
was quoted as saying tonight. "Her
engines will be crippled and it will
be a slow and agonizing death to all
on board. When the engines stop the
lights will go out and the air will
stop. That is what the men fear.
They talk of it continually while with
me at night, and they ask every one
to pray for them."

This same man says the Deutsch-
land's crew expressed fears that the
dreaded night net the fate they had
pictured as a possibility to them-
selves.

HUGE SHARK KILLED IN MATAWAN CREEK

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Matawan, N. J., July 19.—A shark
seven feet long and weighing about
200 pounds was killed today at the
entrance of Matawan creek, in which
a boy was killed and a young man
who tried to rescue him seriously
injured a week ago that he died soon
afterward.

Thomas C. Cottrell and Richard
Lee, in a small power boat, encoun-
tered the shark today. It was one of
the dimmest tooth, or blue nose, va-
rieties, they said, and appeared to be
headed for the bay.

The men threw out their net and
the shark became entangled in it.
After a struggle in which it was
said the net was nearly overturned
the boat, Cottrell struck it with a
heavy iron pipe. This stunned the
shark and the fishermen were able to
drag it to the side of their craft and
kill it.

MARTINE MAKES VAIN PLEA FOR SIR ROGER

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Washington, July 19.—For the third
time in as many weeks, Senator Mar-
tine of New Jersey tried vainly to in-
duce the senate to adopt a resolution
urging executive intervention with
Great Britain to secure a stay of exe-
cution of the death sentence against
Sir Roger Casement.

Points of order blocked his efforts
to bring up the resolution during con-
sideration of the naval appropriation
bill.

NO AGREEMENT YET ON PLAN OF CONFERENCES

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Washington, July 19.—Formal
conferences between Acting Secretary
Polk and Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexi-
can ambassador-designate, continued
today at the state department.

Although press dispatches from
Mexico City have announced the ap-
pointment of Mexican members of a
joint commission to undertake adjust-
ment of differences between the two
countries, it was stated officially at
the state department that no final
agreement as to the method of con-
ducting the negotiations had been
reached. It was explained also that
it should be determined to make a
joint commission, the American mem-
ber could not be headed by Henry P.
Fletcher, ambassador-designate to
Mexico, because Mr. Fletcher's offi-
cial position would prevent him from
serving in that capacity.

When told about dispatches from
Mexico City saying Special Agent Rod-
gers had informed the Carranza gov-
ernment that the United States troops
in Mexico gradually would be with-
drawn, Mr. Polk said Mr. Rodgers had
no authority to make any such state-
ment and that the policy of the Ameri-
can government remained unchanged.

SOLDIER INJURED BY LIGHTNING MAY DIE

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Nogales, Ariz., July 19.—Private
Harold Deemer, of Battery A, Califor-
nia field artillery, who was injured by
lightning last night, is reported today
to be in a critical condition in the
Connecticut field hospital. One foot
was punctured and his body badly
burned by the stroke.

Others of the battery who were said
to be in serious condition are:
Private R. F. Rinker, suffering
from a severe shock.

Private Andrew Edison, who suf-
fered burns about the neck and face.
Private John D. Harris, who sus-
tained burns on the chest.

DOCTOR DENIES THAT HE WRONGED FORMER STUDENT

New Element of Mystery En-
ters Into Shooting of Osteo-
path by Fiancee of Woman
Who Committed Suicide.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Boston, July 19.—A new element of
mystery in connection with the in-
vestigation of the shooting yesterday
of Dr. Wilfred B. Harris, president of
the Massachusetts College of Osteopa-
thy, by Dr. Eldridge D. Atwood, one
of his former students, developed to-
night as a result of the autopsy on
the body of Dr. Atwood's fiancée, Dr.
Celia Faine Adams, who died of poison-
ing a short time before the attack on
Dr. Harris.

Dr. Atwood declared he shot Dr.
Harris because Miss Adams told him
Dr. Harris had wronged her.

The police bulletin issued last night
declared the young woman died from a
narcotic poison self-administered,
and it was believed she had ended her
life in a fit of despondency after the
supposed interview with Dr. Atwood
in which the latter, according to his
story to the police, learned of her al-
leged relations with Dr. Harris.

Declares Relations Were Proper.
Both Dr. Harris and Francis P.
Adams, father of Miss Adams, have
denied the charge of Dr. Atwood re-
garding the motive for the shooting.

"The relations between my daugh-
ter and Dr. Harris were proper in
every way," said Mr. Adams tonight.
"I believe the real reason was that
Atwood thought Dr. Harris was inter-
fering with his plans for marrying
my daughter."

The condition of Dr. Harris was re-
ported extremely critical at the hos-
pital tonight. His wife is constantly
at his bedside.

ROBERT BACON PAYS VISIT TO COLUMBUS

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
Columbus, N. J., July 19.—Robert
Bacon, former ambassador to France,
and Dr. H. E. Strong, of the Harvard
medical school, arrived here today,
but declined to state the object of
their visit.

Mr. Bacon has two sons in the army,
one of whom is stationed at El Paso
and the other at Brownsville. Dr.
Strong is a specialist in tropical dis-
eases, and it is believed from his in-
terest in the hospital work here that
this is the main purpose of his visit
to the border.

BACON AND STRONG GO TO PERSHING'S HEADQUARTERS

El Paso, Tex., July 19.—It was
learned here tonight that Robert Ba-
con, former ambassador to France,
and Dr. H. E. Strong of the Harvard
Medical school, left Columbus today
for General Pershing's headquarters
in Mexico. They have been inspect-
ing the army camps along the Texas
frontier, but they have consistently de-
clined to state the nature of their in-
spection.

To Discuss Campaign Plans.
Washington, July 19.—Campaign
plans and organization of the cam-
paign committee will be discussed by
Vance McCormick, chairman of the
democratic national committee. The
president is preparing to enter actively
upon the fight for re-election as soon
as congress adjourns.

FOOTING GAINED BY GERMANS IN DELVILLE WOOD AND LONGUEVAL

Fierce Fighting Develops From
Counter-attack, According
to Report Received From
General Haig.

OTHER ASSAULTS OF TEUTONS ARE REPULSED

Operations on French Front
Impeded by Rain; Russian
Successes Bring Czar's
Army Much Nearer Kovel.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)
London, July 19 (11:10 p. m.)—
When General Haig's afternoon re-
port was dispatched from headquar-
ters in France, the violent fighting
which, developing from the German
counter-attack, had been going on all
night and had given the Germans a
footing in Delville wood and Longue-
val, still was in progress. The Ger-
man attacks on the Waterlot farm and
other points were repulsed.

In a brief dispatch tonight General
Haig announced that most of the
ground thus lost had been regained
in both places and that the British
fire had dispersed the Germans mass-
ing for a further attack on Waterlot
farm. These dispatches seem to con-
firm the opinions constantly express-
ed by the correspondents at the front
of the dwindling strength of the Ger-
man counter-attacks.

The operations on the French front
are still impeded by rain and com-
parative calm prevails.

Russian Drive Interesting.
The Russian operations again are
becoming interesting. The Russian
military critics dwell on what they
describe as "the mechanical regular-
ity" of the strategic and tactical blows
dealt by Russia on her various fronts
and the absence of any indications
that the enemy forces are able effec-
tively to parry them. The recent Rus-
sian successes have brought them
much nearer Vladimir-Volynsk and
Kovel, and the German communica-
tions between Kovel and Lemberg are
threatened by the Russian advance to
Stoyanoff and Sokal, preliminary to
the investment of Lemberg.